

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 762
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2022**

ADULT IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME

762: SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state;

- (a) whether Government is cognizant of the need for an Adult Immunization Programme along the lines of the Universal Immunization Programme;
- (b) whether Government intends to expand the immunization programme for adults to include vaccines apart from the H1N1 vaccine and the COVID-19 vaccine; and
- (c) whether Government intends to make vaccines for pneumonia, influenza, diphtheria pertussis, measles, Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B available to adults for free at Government set-ups?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (c) : National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI), is an apex advisory body constituted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), which reviews the disease burden and cost effectiveness of a vaccine for an age group as a public health intervention to recommend introduction of any new vaccines in Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). Tetanus and Adult Diphtheria (Td) and Hepatitis B vaccine are administered to specific adult priority groups.
